(c) and (d). Tenughat Thermal Power Project (Stage II) (3x210) MW was sanctioned in February, 1989, at an estimated cost of Rs. 669.10 crores with original commissioning schedule of 9/94, 3/95 and 12/95 for Units 3, 4 & 5 respectively. Work on this project has not started due to financial constraints.

[*Translation*]

Rail Link from Mandar Hill to Dumka

2822. SHRI SURAJ MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been received to extend Bhagalpur-Mandar Hill railway line upto Dumka via Godda; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to extend this line upto Dumka via Godda and by what time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Conversion of Ahmedabad-Veraval Line

2823. SHRIMATI BHAVANA CHIKHALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested to convert the Ahmedabad-Veraval metre gauge line into broad gauge; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The line from Ahmedabad to Rajkot is already BG. The Government of Gujarat has recommended conversion of Rajkot-Veraval MG line into B.G.

(b) The proposal including various alternatives is under Survey. Further action would depend on results of Survey and availability of resources in coming years.

[*English*]

Conversion of Solapur to Wadi Line

2824. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for conversion of the railway track between Solapur and Wadi in Maharashtra is pending with the Government for years;

(b) if so, whether, there is any proposal to undertake the survey for conversion of the track in view of heavy traffic on the section.

(c) if so, when the survey is likely to be undertaken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). Solapur-Wadi is already a Broad Gauge line.

[*Translation*]

Railway Bridges in Bihar

2825. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: